

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated March 9, 2010 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Claims 1-22 are currently pending, of which claims 19-22 are withdrawn from consideration. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to claim 6 for minor informalities. Applicants have amended claim 6 to correct the informalities. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to claim 6.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PCT Application Publication No. WO 2005/019277 (*WO '277*). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

WO '277 is a PCT publication published in Japanese on March 3, 2005, and does not have a 35 U.S.C. §102(e)(1) date. *WO '277* was published March 3, 2005. The present application is a PCT national stage application of PCT/KR2005/002149, which claims priority to Korean Application No. KR 10-2004-0052612, filed July 7, 2004, and Korean Application No. 10-2004-0074307, filed September 16, 2004. When Applicants filed PCT/KR2005/002149, Applicants intended to claim priority to both KR 10-2004-0052612 and KR 10-2004-0074307. The delay of the claim priority of KR10-2004-0074307 was unintentional. Applicants have filed a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.55(c) for an unintentionally delayed foreign priority claim on June 3, 2010. Applicants also submitted a certified English translation of 10-2004-0074307 with this petition to perfect the claim for priority.

Claims 1-7 and 10-18 are fully supported by KR 10-2004-0052612 and KR 10-2004-0074307. Thus, the effective filing date of the present application is at least September 16, 2004, which is earlier than publication date of *WO '277*. Accordingly, *WO '277* does not constitute valid prior art against the present application. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection of claims 1-7 and 10-18.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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